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AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF THE AFFECTED NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNITS (NPU'S) AND THE CITY COUNCIL WHEN ANY POLICE ZONE FACILITY, PRECINCT OR MINI-PRECINCT, OR FIRE STATION IS TO BE DECOMMISSIONED OR CLOSED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, public safety is of paramount importance to the Atlanta community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the citizenry must be made aware in a timely fashion when public safety related facilities such as police zone, precinct and mini-precinct operations, and fire stations are to be discontinued, closed or decommissioned.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS as follows:

Section 1: Whenever any police zone facility, precinct or mini-precinct or fire station or other public safety services or operation is to be discontinued, closed, or decommissioned, ten (10) days prior written notice by the Mayor or his/her designee shall be given to the City Council, the Bureau of Planning and to the Neighborhood Planning Unit(s) located in the service area(s) affected by any such discontinued, closed or decommissioned public safety service, operation or facility. Notice to City Council, as described in this section, may be accomplished by providing written notice to the Municipal Clerk by hand delivery to the Office of the Municipal Clerk or via email to municipalclerk@atlantaga.gov. The Municipal Clerk, upon receipt of such notice, shall so notify the President and members of Council.

Section 2: In the event of an emergency which imminently threatens life, health, property, public safety or financial health of the city and which requires the closing of any such above-referenced public safety facility or the discontinuation of any such public safety service, no such notice shall be required.

Section 3: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of any such conflict.

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